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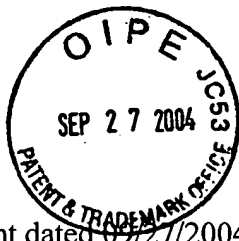
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the shown example one frame ~~is consist~~ consists of four time slots and the frame pulse 21 is input in four time slot ~~period~~ periods. Also, the super frame pulse 2 ~~does is~~ is not be used in the shown example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

means for reservation of packet transmission ~~referring~~ referring the reservation condition information received from the scheduling module in the preceding stage and the reservation request of own scheduling module and ~~transmitting~~ transmitting the result of the reservation of packet ~~transmission~~ transmission to the scheduling module in the next stage;

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 13, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

means for making judgment whether said future time slot has already been reserved by ~~other~~ another scheduling module;

means for making reservation of said future time slot when said future time slot is not reserved by ~~other~~

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another scheduling module and putting information  
~~indicative~~ indicating that said future time slot is  
reserved in said reservation condition information;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 18, with the following  
rewritten paragraph:

step of reservation of packet transmission ~~referring~~  
referring the reservation condition information received  
from the scheduling module in the preceding stage and the  
reservation request of own scheduling module and  
transmitting the result of the reservation of packet  
~~transmission~~ transmission to the scheduling module in the  
next stage;

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 16, line 6, with the following  
rewritten paragraphs:

step of making judgment whether said future time  
slot has already been reserved by ~~other~~ another  
scheduling module;

step of making reservation of said future time slot  
when said future time slot is not reserved by ~~other~~  
another scheduling module and putting information  
~~indicative~~ indicating that said future time slot is  
reserved in said reservation condition information;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 27, with the following  
rewritten paragraph:

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reservation order varying step of varying order of said reservation by said plurality of scheduling ~~module~~ modules, and making reservation of ports to output with respect to a packet for next frame per each frame in the varied order.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The plurality of scheduling modules performs said reservation in an order corresponding to logical connection order relative to other modules, said reservation order varying means varies a connection topology of said plurality of scheduling modules. A plurality of scheduling ~~module~~ modules performs reservation in the order corresponding to the logical connection order with other modules. In variation of the reservation order, a plurality of scheduling modules varies connection topology.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The reservation order varying means includes a switch performing switching operation for varying logical connecting condition of said plurality of scheduling modules and a table storing control data for controlling switching operation of said switch. The physical connection between said plurality of scheduling ~~module~~ modules and said switch is an electrical connection or

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optical connection. The table is provided in each of said plurality of scheduling modules. In the alternative, the table is provide in common for said plurality of scheduling modules.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The control data is data for controlling switching operation of said switch for varying time slot for initiating reservation of said plurality of scheduling modules per each frame at the leading end of each frame. The control data is data for realizing scheduling equalizing use frequency of reservation start ~~slot~~ slots for initiating said reservation by a plurality of scheduling modules. The control data is data for realizing scheduling equalizing use order and use frequency of reservation start ~~slot~~ slots for initiating said reservation by a plurality of scheduling modules.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Therefore, in the present invention, in order to resolve the first unfairness, the present invention takes a construction which permits variation of the connection topology between the modules. As apparatus, the reserved output port information transferred between the modules is input to the switch out of the module to vary the destination of output. The module and the switch

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operates in synchronism with the frame by performing connection grant process of a plurality of time ~~slot~~ slots for varying the connection topology per frame so that all connection topology may appear.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention will be understood more fully from the detailed description given hereinafter and from the accompanying drawings of the preferred embodiment of the present invention, which, however, should not be taken to ~~be limitative to~~ limit the invention, but are for explanation and understanding only.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The connection grant storage control portion 17 ~~determines~~ determines reservation order pattern of the connection grant information in the module from the reservation order pattern of the connection grant information from the pattern storage portion 18 and the physical number 23 for module identification, in synchronism with the frame pulse 21 for controlling order of writing and reading of the connection grant information 12 per time slot. The connection grant storage control portion 17 is constructed with a writing address counter 170 for generating a writing address for the memory in the connection grant storage portion 16, a

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reading address counter 171 for generating a reading address of the same, and a load data generating portion 172 as shown in Fig. 5.